



Public Notice

FFY 2015 Annual Synar Report

The purpose of the Synar Survey is to randomly survey licensed tobacco retailers across North Dakota to check compliance with laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. **This is not an enforcement activity**; it is a check on compliance.

2014 Synar Enforcement Activity Results

Tobacco retailer violation rate	10.8%
Weighted tobacco retailer violation rate	10.8%
Number of attempts by minors to purchase tobacco	269
Number of successful attempts by minors to purchase tobacco	29
Number of counties in which successful attempts were made	17

Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco by Location

Western North Dakota	10
Eastern North Dakota	19
TOTAL	29

The full report and abstract are online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/abuse.html>.

The Synar Survey has been conducted for the past 18 years. All 50 states and nine jurisdictions (American Samoa, District of Columbia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Palau, and the Virgin Islands) currently participate.

The Synar amendment requires that states maintain a noncompliance rate at or below 20 percent, or they could lose up to 40 percent of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funding. North Dakota receives approximately \$6.1 million annually in block grant funding.

Since Federal Fiscal Year 2006, all 50 states plus the District of Columbia have been in compliance with the Synar amendment.

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